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PRICE TWO CENTS:

VILLA HAMMERS AWAY AT FEDERAL CITY OF TORREON

Attack Is Desperate, but Victory Still Eludes Him.

LOSS FRIGHTFUL TO BOTH ARMIES

of St. Louis, and Governor Manuel Chao, left on a special train for Chihuahua this afternoon to care for the Constitutionalist wounded who have been brought to Chihuahua. In the cargo were 250 iron hospital cots, several carloads of mattresses, operating tables and a supply of medicine.

Nearly a half million rounds of ammunition, five machine guns and 500 rifles were also shipped on the train. They will be sent through to Torreon for the use of Villa's soldiers.

Killed to Last Man.

Eagle Pass, Tex., March 30.—Refugees who reached Piedra Negras, Mexico, from the vicinity of Monclova today, reported that General Murgia's command of Constitutionalists had intercepted several bands of fugitive Federal volunteers from Torreon and killed them to the last man. No estimate was given of the casualites.

Murgia is operating between Monterey and Torreon, and is reported to have isolated the Torreon garrison from all communication with Mexico City and with Federal forces at Monterey and Saltillo.

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the government telegraph lines for five days. All railroads into Torreon from the east have been cut. General Joaquin Maas, who went to reinforce General Velasco at Torreon, made the trip overland in armored automobiles

to both places.

Numerous small bands of Constitutionalists are active around Montery.

Endurance Is Surprising. Washington, March 30.—Army of-ficers here are much surprised at the endurance shown by the raw and undisciplined Mexican troops on both sides of the fighting around Torreon. It is estimated that for five days past these soldiers have been engaged in almost constant battle, without opportunity for sleep or rest, and practically without a commissariat, on the rebel side at least.

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It is believed here that the explanation for the almost unparalleled obstinacy of the attack by the rebels is the knowledge that the only way to food and safety lies directly behind the Federal defenses in the city of Torreon, (Continued On Second Page.)

WOMEN SEEK DELAY

Do Not Want Suffrage Amendments
Acted on Now.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 30.—The Shafroth and Bristow suffrage amendments, now pending before Congress, are threatening a controversy at the Mississippi Valley suffrage conference, which began here to-day.

Although it had been announced last week that the subject would not be brought up at the present meeting, twenty-five of the women leaders met to-day, and a telegram addressed to the National American Woman Suffrage Association was formulated. It was as follows:

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"Many members of the Mississippi conference feel that the Shafroth motion to amend the Constitution should be left in committee until after the next convention. Were this done it would avoid a chance for confusion which might come were two resolutions simultaneously before the country, and would give time for mature consideration of a measure which many of us do not understand, and which we want to act on with deliberation."

The signers then asked the official board to instruct its congressional committee not to push the Shafroth resolution nor to ask its report from the Senate committee.

Miss Alice Paul, of Washington, president of the Congressional Suffrage Union, which is said to favor the Bristow amendment, was among those who formulated the telegram.

Suggestion Made in Order to Avert Federal Prosecution.

New York, March 30.—A conference between Federal Attorney Marshall and counsel for the Metropolitan Tobacco Company, at which suggestions were considered for reorganization of the company, alleged by the government to control a monopoly of the tobacco Jobbing business, took place here to-day. The result, it was said, would be made public later.

At a conference last week, representatives of the company were informed it would be prosecuted unless it agreed to revise its business methods. The government charged that the company is the sole distributor of products of the components of the former tobacco trust, and that in this capacity it maintains the American Tobacco Company monopoly broken by the Supreme Court decree.

GEORGE W. HILL DEAD

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Murgia commands a strong force of Constitutionalists, which, while taking no part in the attack on Torreon, has been working to prevent any assistance reaching the Federals in the beleaguered city. He recently captured Monclova, confiscating large supplies in the railroad warehouses there and, proceeding south, cut communication with Montery from Piclarsa Negras at Espinazo, ten miles above Reata, a junction point leading to both Monterey and Torreon. He then is reported to have burned several bridges on railroads which had been carrying supplies to both places.

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KIRBY IS IN LEAD

He Is Ninety-Eight Votes to the Good

SURPRISES EVEN HIS COLLEAGUES

Consults No One But King Before Making Bold Move.

ASSUMES BURDEN OF WAR OFFICE

that the army was implicated in a political conspiracy and the ridiculous fallacy that the officers are a wealthy and privileged class. The government's ultimatum, he said, was like springing a mine on the army. He wished to nail to the counter the lie that any officers had disobeyed orders.

Viscount Haldane rejoiced that the Lords were beginning to realize the seriousness of the situation raised by the issue of "the army versus the people."

Lloyd George III.

London, March 30.—David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was taken III at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, where he passed the week-end playing golf. The chancellor was unable to participate in the critical discussion in the House of Commons today on the situation brought about by resignations of army officers in Ulster. The debating power of Mr. Lloyd George had been regarded as a great asset by the government.

He is Ninety-Eight Votes to the Good in Contest for Senate.

Little Rock, Ark., March 30.—William F. Kirby, associate justice of the Supreme Court, has a lead of ninety-eight votes over United States Senator James B. Clarke in the contest for the senator in nomination in returns received up to 10:30 o'clock to-night of the vote last in the primary election of last Wednesday.

Figures tabulated at that hour were made up from official returns from it in the State and incomplete unofficial returns from the remaining thirteen counties.

Of 137.558 votes, either officially or unofficially reported, Mr. Kirby had 68,828 and Senator Clarke 68,730.

HE IS IN FIGHTING MOOD



PREMIER ASQUITH.

UTMOST SECRECY OBSERVED HE SHOWS NO REMORSE

Asquith is in fighting mood. It looks at the present moment as if he proposes to make the reorganization of the army a fighting issue.

"The whole army system may have to be recast." Colonel Seely remarked significantly to-day. The first business will be to find a successor. Sir John French, whose withdrawal leaves a great void at the War Office. The name of General Sir Ian Hamilton holds the most. General Hamilton holds the most. General Hamilton holds the most. General would be glad to abolish the office. Both houses to-day debated the situation at great length, but the debates simmered down into more assertions, on the one side, of the plott to seduce the army, and on the other side of a plot to crush the Ulster covenanters, with denials and counter denials, and heated personalities.

The debate to-day in the Commons, following Premier Asquith's withdrawal, was tame.

Plotting Done by Opposition.

Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that the plotting had all been done by the opposition, who tried to seduce the army. In the House of Lords, the Earl of Selborne spoke with a warmth seldom heard in that house. He termed Mr. Churchill's charges "foul falsehoods" Field Marshal Lord Roberts appealed to the country to dismiss the idle but dangerous and mischievous assertions in that the army was implicated in a political conspiracy and the ridicular to the country to dismiss the idle but and privileged class. The government sultimatum, he said, was like spinging a mine on the army. He wished to mail to the counter the lie that any officers with a dispersed orders.

to be set up in the south.

Still Borrowing Country.

Still Borrowing Richmond and Atlanta, New Orleans, Richmond and Louisville have been active in their at-tempts to secure a bank, but the com-

Swat the Fly!

The Times-Dispatch organized two years ago a fly-swatting campaign.

That campaign helped to improve conditions, because it called attention to the importance of killing the fly.

The fly season is at hand, and now is the time to exterminate the pest. Kill the fly now, and let not

one escape. That's good advice, and here's more: Advertise in and read The Times-Dispatch.

Monroe I

Federal Reserve Cities May Be In Gruesome Detail, He Tells istration.

Volumes Have Been Talked, but After Completing His Revenge,

bank organization committee-Secre- nouncement to-day by the Herkimer

Contradiction in Platform.

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a house his father was building beyond the brow of the hill on the slushic covered highway over which they were walking.

Glainfil told the girl they could see the new dwelling from the summit of the highway, and Miss Beecher was finally prevailed upon by the boy to continue about 500 feet further, which brought them to the top of the hill.

"When we reached the summit of the hill.

"When we reached the summit of the road," said Glainfi, "Miss Beecher remarked to me that she would go no further, and furthermore that she would have to hasten back to the vitlage. She also remarked that she would write him a letter."

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CHARGE OF "DEAL" CROWNING INSULT WILSON BRANDS

No Compact With Eng- Few Doubt Result Will land Has Been Made by Administration.

"BARGAIN" STORY

SORRY THAT FIGHT PREDICT MARGIN HAS DEGENERATED

Hoped It Would Be Dignified All Ears Strained to Hear Attack Contest, but It Has Developed Into Bitter Effort to Discredit Him-Points Out Contradiction in Platform.

VOTE ON REPEAL OF TOLLS CLAUSE **WILLCOMETO-DAY** AS FALSEHOOD

Be Victory for Wilson.

OF 30 TO 75 VOTES

of Speaker Clark in Great Final Effort to Defeat Repeal Plan. Verbal Artillery Thunders in Capitol in History-Making Battle.